



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D C 20463

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RE: MUR 5026
Zimmer 2000, Inc.
Maria Chappa, as treasurer

Dear Mr. McGinley:

This is in response to a letter signed by your client, Dick Zimmer, dated March 3, 2004, which we received on March 4, 2004, requesting an extension of time for Zimmer 2000, Inc. and Maria Chappa, as treasurer, to respond to the reason to believe findings in the above-referenced matter. After considering the circumstances presented in Mr. Zimmer's letter, the Office of the General Counsel has granted Zimmer 2000, Inc. and Maria Chappa, as treasurer, a twenty (20) day extension. Accordingly, your clients' responses are due by the close of business on March 24, 2004.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

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